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1. FOLLOWING FYI IS SUMMARY OF MIDDLE EAST SITUATION THROUGH EVENING OCTOBER 10.

2. OCT. 10 WAS A DAY OF SPARRING AND REGROUPING ON THE GROUND, WITH NO SIGNIFICANT GAINS BY EITHER SIDE, AND MOST OF THE ACTION IN THE AIR. THERE WAS NO INDICATION THAT THE ISRAELIS HAD YET ACHIEVED THEIR ANTICIPATED BREAK-THROUGH IN SYRIA, AND TEL AVIV BEGAN TO ISSUE MORE MODEST APPRAISALS OF THE SITUATION.

3. ISRAEL/SYRIA: ISRAEL ANNOUNCED THAT ITS FORCES HAD CROSSED THE 1967 CEASE-FIRE LINE AT SEVERAL POINTS IN GOLAN HEIGHTS, AND APPEAR TO BE REESTABLISHING CONTROL OVER QUNEITRA. THE SYRIAN AIR FORCE, PERHAPS INCLUDING IRAQI PLANES, WAS UNUSUALLY ACTIVE. ACCORDING TO ISRAEL, SYRIA LOST 22-23 AIRCRAFT TO ISRAEL'S 3 DOWNED. IAF ATTACKED DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND RAIDED A POWER STATION AND REFINERY IN NORTHERN SYRIA AND SYRIAN NAVAL HEADQUARTERS. GERMAN, SWEDISH AND DUTCH EMBASSIES AT DAMASCUS REPORTED EVACUATING DEPENDENTS. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, SYRIA DENIES THAT ANY RUSSIANS HAD BEEN KILLED IN PREVIOUS DAY'S BOMBING OF DAMASCUS.

4. EGYPT. ISRAELIS ADMITTED PUBLICLY HAVING LOST CONTROL OF EAST BANK OF SUEZ CANAL BUT SAID THEY HAD ESTABLISHED AN OPERATIONAL LINE 3 TO 6 KILOMETERS EAST OF CANAL. ACCORDING TO NEWSWEEK EDITOR DE BORCHGRAVE WHO SPENT 4 HOURS TOURING EAST SIDE OF CANAL OCT. 10, EGYPTIAN FRONT NOW APPROXIMATELY 20 KILOMETERS EAST OF CANAL, WELL BEYOND SAM BELT ON WESTERN BANK OF CANAL. ACCORDING TO ISRAEL, IDF REPULSED EGYPTIAN FORCES ATTEMPTING TO TURN SOUTH BELOW SUEZ. ISRAELIS AIRCRAFT HIT PORT SAID DEFENSES, AS WELL AS TARGETS ELSEWHERE IN EGYPT. EGYPTIAN AIR FORCE REMAINS INACTIVE.

5. JORDAN. JORDAN ANNOUNCED MOBILIZATION AND IS UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE TO JOIN THE BATTLE.

6. LEBANON. LEBANON HAS REPORTEDLY SUBMITTED TO SECURITY COUNCIL A PROTEST REGARDING THE OCT. 9 ISRAELI ATTACK AGAINST A LEBANESE RADAR INSTALLATION. MEANWHILE, UNTSO IS INVESTIGATING REPORTS
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OF MANY INCIDENTS ALONG THE LEBANESE BORDERS, PROBABLY PERPETRATED BY FEDAYEEN. PRESIDENT FRANJIE HAS ASSURED US LEBANON WILL DO MAXIMUM POSSIBLE TO CONTROL FEDAYEEN.

7. US/USSR. GREEK, ISRAELI AND OUR INTELLIGENCE ALL REPORT NUMEROUS AN-12 FLIGHTS TO SYRIA. ISRAELIS SAY 23 AN-12S HAVE ALREADY LANDED. THEIR MAIN CARGO IS BELIEVED TO BE SAMS AND FUEL TANKS FOR FIGHTER AIRCRAFT. IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES A DEPT.

SPOKESMAN VOICED CONCERN OVER REPORTS SOVIETS ENGAGED IN RESUPPLYING EGYPT AND SYRIA BY AIR. THERE ARE ALSO UNCONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS THAT A BOEING 707 WITH ISRAELI MARKINGS WAS LOADED WITH MISSILES AND BOMBS IN NORFOLK ON OCT. 10.

8. SECURITY, EXCEPT FOR TELEPHONED BOMB THREAT TO EMBASSY ABU DHABI, NO INCIDENTS INVOLVING U.S. OFFICIAL INSTALLATIONS OR PRIVATE AMERICANS WERE REPORTED. EGYPT IS ARRANGING FOR TRANSPORT OF APPROXIMATELY 400 STRANDED AMERICAN TOURISTS TO LIBYA BY BUS WITH ONWARD CONNECTIONS BY AIR.

9. UN. UNSC DID NOT MEET ON OCT. 10. SEC GEN WALDHEIM IS PRESSING SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR MEETING ON OCT. 11.

10. FOREGOING IS FOR YOUR BACKGROUND. KISSINGER

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